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HIGHLIGHTS

	1975 March to April Changes	
NOVA SCOTIA	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
Labour Force	+ 2	+ 3
Employed	+ 5	+ 2
Unemployed	- 2	+ 1
Unemployment Rate (%)	- 0.8	+ 0.3
Participation Rate (%)	+ 0.2	+ 0.3

ANALYSIS[1]

Labour force activity, as indicated by Statistics Canada continued its worsening trend during April with Unemployment (Seasonally-adjusted) rising to 8.3 percent from March's level of 8.0 percent. The provincial unemployment rate in actual terms declined by .8 percent in April to 9.2 percent.

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(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Age Categories	TOTAL Both Sexes	Male	Female
TOTAL	292	195	97
14 - 24 years	88	53	35
25 and over	204	142	62
14 - 19 years	31	17	13
20 - 24 years	58	36	22
25 - 44 years	117	80	37
45 - 64 years	80	58	23
65 and over	6	5	*

During the reference week ended April 19, 1975, the monthly labour force survey estimated the total labour force in Nova Scotia at 292,000. This figure represented an absolute increase of 2,000 persons over the total number reported in the last period and an increase of 6,000 over April, 1974. A decrease in labour force number occurred in the 14 - 24 years age group with 2,000 young people dropping out of the labour force. In comparison, persons 25 and over increased their numbers by 4,000 to April's level of 204,000.

The female component of the labour force reflected wholly the increase with their number rising to 97,000 in April while the male segment remained constant at 195,000.

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TABLE 3: - ACTUAL AND SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED LABOUR FORCE DATA

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		Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
CANADA	APR.	9,804	9,925	9,009	9,208	795	717	8.1	7.2	57.9	58.7
	MAR.	9,786	9,956	8,946	9,244	840	712	8.6	7.2	58.0	59.1
ATLANTIC REGION	APR.	774	793	662	703	111	90	14.3	11.3	50.3	51.9
	MAR.	769	793	652	701	118	92	15.3	11.6	50.1	52.1
NOVA SCOTIA	APR.	292	302	266	277	27	25	9.2	8.3	50.3	52.0
	MAR.	290	299	261	275	29	24	10.0	8.0	50.1	51.7
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NEW-FOUNDLAND	APR.	189	189	148	156	41	33	21.7	17.5	48.8	49.8
	MAR.	187	191	143	155	45	36	24.1	18.8	48.3	49.9
P.E.I.	APR.	42	44	37	40	*	*	*	*	50.0	53.1
	MAR.	39	43	35	40	*	*	*	*	46.4	50.7
QUEBEC	APR.	2,631	2,677	2,358	2,435	273	242	10.4	9.0	55.9	57.1
	MAR.	2,656	2,703	2,370	2,459	286	244	10.8	9.0	56.6	57.7
ONTARIO	APR.	3,736	3,768	3,487	3,540	248	228	6.6	6.1	60.4	61.1
	MAR.	3,722	3,766	3,450	3,539	272	227	7.3	6.0	60.3	61.2
PRAIRIES	APR.	1,557	1,576	1,487	1,517	69	59	4.4	3.7	58.8	59.6
	MAR.	1,549	1,584	1,485	1,533	64	51	4.1	3.2	58.6	59.9
BRITISH COLUMBIA	APR.	1,107	1,109	1,014	1,019	93	90	8.4	8.1	59.9	60.0
	MAR.	1,090	1,101	988	1,008	101	93	9.3	8.4	59.2	59.9

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TABLE 4: - PARTICIPATION RATES BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(%)

Both Sexes	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	57.9	50.3	50.3	51.3	55.9	60.4
14 - 24 years	52.8	48.1	46.8	48.3	50.3	54.1
25 - 44 years	73.3	65.2	66.9	66.7	70.5	76.3
45 - 64 years	61.7	54.5	54.4	57.9	58.1	64.5
65 and over	10.9	8.2	8.5	7.4	12.0	11.5
Male						
TOTAL	75.8	68.7	68.7	69.0	75.1	77.3
14 - 24 years	59.3	57.6	55.2	56.8	55.8	59.0
25 - 44 years	96.6	93.4	94.1	94.4	96.4	97.3
45 - 64 years	87.3	79.4	81.7	80.4	87.1	88.8
65 and over	18.0	13.0	15.6	*	19.4	19.1
Female						
TOTAL	40.4	32.3	32.7	34.4	37.3	43.9
14 - 24 years	46.1	38.2	38.0	40.7	44.5	48.9
25 - 44 years	50.1	38.0	41.1	39.7	45.2	55.2
45 - 64 years	37.1	30.1	30.7	36.2	30.9	41.9
65 and over	5.2	*	*	*	*	5.8

The participation rate for Nova Scotia (the proportion of the population 14 years of age and over, working or seeking work) in actual terms increased slightly in April to 50.3 percent from March's level of 50.1 percent.

Female participation accounted for the increase in April with their rate rising to 32.7 percent from 32.1 percent a month earlier. All but one of the femal age categories recorded increases with the most significant change occurring in the age group 25 - 44 years where female participation increased by 3.3 percent in April.

Over the same period male participation fell to 68.7 percent from March's level of 68.9 percent. The only decline occurred among young people (14 - 24 years) where labour force participation fell to 55.2 percent in April from 56.8 percent.

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TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000 s)

EMPLOYED (By Industry)	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,009	662	266	212	2,358	3,487
Goods - producing	3,101	193	85	60	827	1,261
Agriculture	445	20	7	6	73	116
Other Primary	202	29	13	8	39	49
Manufacturing	1,921	99	44	33	591	900
Construction	533	46	20	13	125	196
Service - producing	5,908	469	181	151	1,531	2,226
Transportation, Commun. & Other Utilities	774	69	23	23	196	269
Trade	1,590	136	51	45	394	604
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	447	24	12	8	115	195
Community Business & Personal Services	2,459	184	72	58	666	910
Public Administration	638	56	23	18	161	247

Total employment in Nova Scotia for the week ended April 19, 1975 was 266,000 in actual terms, an increase of 5,000 from the preceding month.

The total increase in employment was found in the goods - producing industries where the number of jobholders increased by 5,000 over the March - April period. Employment increases were found in all these industries except for other primary and agriculture. Other primary showed a decrease in their employment levels of 1,000 while employment in agriculture remained constant at 7,000.

The employment picture for the service - producing sector showed no change over the March - April period with figures showing 181,000 jobholders in April.

TABLE 6: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed (By Occupation)	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,009	662	266	212	2,358	3,487
Managerial	540	33	15	10	144	231
Natural Science	303	17	7	6	76	138
Social Science	112	6	*	*	27	45
Religion	*	*	*	*	*	*
Teaching	457	35	14	10	134	171
Medicine	394	35	14	*	102	133
Artistic	106	6	*	*	24	51
Clerical	1,566	101	38	37	418	656
Sales	1,010	83	35	25	242	387
Service	1,098	88	32	28	296	391
Farming	453	22	8	6	76	121
Fishing	23	14	*	*	*	*
Forestry	40	6	*	*	9	*
Mining	48	*	*	*	*	17
Processing	373	32	12	10	116	131
Machining	258	13	5	5	63	131
Fabrication	863	48	21	16	279	364
Construction	599	57	25	16	137	217
Transport	380	32	11	10	100	141
Materials Handling	234	21	8	7	57	92
Other Crafts	124	8	*	*	36	49

Total employment in all occupations in April rose to 266,000, an increase of 5,000 over March's figure. Clerical occupations accounted for the largest number of employed persons totalling 38,000.

The most significant increases in employment occurred in the construction and service occupations where employment levels rose by 3,000 and 2,000 persons respectively. Declines in employment of 1,000 were recorded for materials handling, transport, and teaching occupations.

Clerical and sales occupations represented 14.3 percent and 13.1 percent of the total employed in Nova Scotia. The numbers employed by different occupations in Nova Scotia conforms quite closely with figures at the national level, the larger variations appearing in the clerical and construction fields.

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TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Male	5,767	434	176	135	1,532	2,194
Female	3,241	229	90	76	826	1,293
Age Categories						
14 - 24 years	2,212	204	74	67	581	789
25 and over	6,796	458	191	145	1,777	2,698
14 - 19 years	858	65	24	21	194	321
20 - 24 years	1,355	139	51	46	387	468
25 - 44 years	4,106	266	109	83	1,109	1,634
45 - 64 years	2,505	179	76	58	617	993
65 and over	185	13	6	4	50	71

Actual employment for the province, as reported by Statistics Canada, was 266,000, up by 5,000 from March's level of 261,000. The male component was responsible for 4,000 of the total increase in employment while female employment rose by only 2,000 persons.

An examination of employment by age reveals that the age groups 14 - 24 years experienced a decrease of 1,000 in April, while those persons 25 and over saw their numbers increase by 6,000 to April's level of 191,000.

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NOTE: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 8: - LABOUR FORCE DATA FOR ECONOMIC REGIONS WITHIN NOVA SCOTIA

Economic Region	Participation Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
4	45.7	14.3
5	48.9	9.5
6	53.5	6.8

Actual labour force data, from the Labour Force Survey, reported a 9.2 percent unemployment rate for Nova Scotia, a 0.8 percent decrease from March. As well, decreases were reported for all three of the economic regions within Nova Scotia.

Economic Region, Group 6, (including the counties of Halifax, Digby, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne, and Yarmouth) reported an unemployment rate of 6.8 percent, 0.4 percent lower than March's figure. The participation rate for this region increased to 53.5 percent in April from March's level of 53.1 percent.

Economic Region, Group 5 (including the counties of Annapolis, Antigonish, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough, Hants, Kings, and Pictou), showed a decrease in the level of unemployment with the rate falling by 0.8 percent to April's figure of 9.5 percent. For the same period the participation rate increased marginally (0.1) to 48.9 percent.

Employment conditions showed some improvement in April for Cape Breton Island with unemployment decreasing to 14.3 percent from 17.0 percent in March. The participation rate increased to 45.7 percent in April from the March level of 45.4 percent.

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Unemployed	+ 2	+ 6
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Participation Rate (%)	+ 2.4	+ 0.1

ANALYSIS[1]

Information on labour force activity as indicated by Statistics Canada revealed a continuing upward trend in unemployment with the rate (seasonally-adjusted) increasing by 1.9 to May's level of 10.2 percent. The provincial unemployment rate (actual) of 9.5 percent was an increase of 0.3 over April's level of 9.2 percent.

In a year-over-year comparison, the actual unemployment rate for Nova Scotia increased from 5.7 percent in May, 1974 to 9.5 percent for the same month of 1975. Seasonally-adjusted figures point to an increase in the jobless rate as well with the rate rising to 10.2 percent in May, 1975 from 6.1 percent a year earlier.

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The male component of the labour force showed the greater increase with 9,000 joining the work force in May while the female component recorded an increase of 4,000.

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	APR.	1,557	1,576	1,487	1,517	69	59	4.4	3.7	58.8	59.6
BRITISH COLUMBIA	MAY	1,136	1,122	1,053	1,036	83	86	7.3	7.7	61.3	60.5
	APR.	1,107	1,109	1,014	1,019	93	90	8.4	8.1	59.9	60.0

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14 - 24 years	57.4	52.8	53.2	52.6	52.7	59.2
25 - 44 years	73.7	66.3	67.6	66.9	71.4	76.3
45 - 64 years	62.4	55.4	54.4	59.6	58.3	65.2
65 and over	10.8	8.2	8.5	7.4	11.8	11.4
Male						
TOTAL	77.8	71.7	71.8	71.7	76.3	79.4
14 - 24 years	65.2	63.2	62.5	62.5	59.8	65.4
25 - 44 years	97.1	94.3	96.5	95.8	97.0	97.3
45 - 64 years	87.9	80.6	81.7	82.1	86.4	89.7
65 and over	18.0	12.8	15.6	*	18.8	20.5
Female						
TOTAL	41.6	33.8	34.0	35.5	38.3	45.0
14 - 24 years	49.2	41.9	43.5	41.9	45.3	52.7
25 - 44 years	50.5	39.1	41.1	39.7	46.4	55.2
45 - 64 years	37.8	30.6	30.7	37.9	31.8	41.7
65 and over	5.0	*	*	*	*	5.0

The participation rate for Nova Scotia (the proportion of the population 14 years of age and over, working or seeking work) in actual terms increased in May to 52.7 percent from April's level of 50.3 percent.

Male participation accounted for the greater proportion of the increase with their rate rising to 71.8 percent from 68.7 percent a month earlier. In examining the male age categories, it is seen that the increase is found wholly in the 14 - 24 years and 25 - 44 years age groups where participation rose by 7.3 and 2.4 respectively.

Over the same period female participation rose to 34.0 percent from April's level of 32.7 percent. This increase was found wholly in the age group 14 - 24 years where participation rose to 43.5 percent.

* Due to the small size of the sample, the high percentage of sampling variability rendered such figures unpublishable.

TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY
(ACTUAL SERIES)
(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Industry)	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,379	702	277	223	2,451	3,605
Goods - producing	3,293	221	91	72	885	1,296
Agriculture	514	21	8	6	92	132
Other Primary	230	36	16	10	40	61
Manufacturing	1,955	106	44	38	612	892
Construction	594	57	23	18	140	210
Service - producing	6,087	481	186	151	1,566	2,309
Transportation, Commun. & Other Utilities	789	73	26	23	195	278
Trade	1,641	134	50	44	403	641
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	482	25	13	7	128	205
Community Business & Personal Services	2,530	193	74	60	684	931
Public Administration	644	57	23	17	157	254

Total employment in Nova Scotia for the week ended May 17, 1975 was 277,000 in actual terms, an increase of 11,000 from the preceding month.

The increase in employment was almost evenly divided between the goods and service - producing sectors of the economy. The goods - producing sector increased its level of employment by 6,000 to May's level of 91,000 workers. Employment increases were found in all industries within this sector except for manufacturing which remained constant. The most significant increases occurred in the construction and other primary industries where employment levels rose by 3,000 workers each in May.

The employment picture for the service - producing sector also improved in May with 5,000 new jobholders. The largest increases occurred in transportation, communication and other utilities where employment rose by 3,000 workers. The only decline in employment occurred in the trade industry where there were 1,000 fewer jobholders.

TABLE 6: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed (By Occupation)	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,379	702	277	223	2,451	3,605
Managerial	532	32	15	10	138	230
Natural Science	320	18	7	6	76	144
Social Science	110	7	*	*	22	46
Religion	*	*	*	*	*	*
Teaching	448	37	13	10	134	163
Medicine	400	33	13	*	107	138
Artistic	110	5	*	*	25	53
Clerical	1,634	107	40	41	423	690
Sales	1,044	80	34	25	255	406
Service	1,144	93	35	29	316	404
Farming	549	24	9	7	99	147
Fishing	30	19	*	*	*	*
Forestry	46	7	*	*	10	*
Mining	47	*	*	*	*	19
Processing	388	39	13	13	117	136
Machining	261	12	4	5	69	129
Fabrication	875	50	21	17	287	367
Construction	648	68	28	20	152	225
Transport	397	35	13	10	105	146
Materials Handling	245	21	8	6	62	96
Other Crafts	124	7	*	*	36	50

Total employment in all occupations in May rose to 277,000, an increase of 11,000 over April's figure. Clerical occupations accounted for the largest number of employed persons totalling 40,000.

The most significant increases in employment occurred in the service and construction occupations with each increasing their employment levels by 3,000 persons. Declines in employment of 1,000 were recorded for teaching, medicine, sales, and machining occupations.

Clerical and service occupations represented 14.4 percent and 12.6 percent of the total employed in Nova Scotia. The numbers employed by different occupations in Nova Scotia conforms quite closely with figures at the national level, the larger variations appearing in the construction and clerical fields.

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TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Male	6,031	462	183	143	1,603	2,274
Female	3,348	240	93	80	848	1,331
Age Categories						
14 - 24 years	2,450	230	83	74	629	868
25 and over	6,929	472	194	149	1,822	2,737
14 - 19 years	958	76	28	24	207	360
20 - 24 years	1,492	154	55	51	422	507
25 - 44 years	4,179	275	110	85	1,138	1,651
45 - 64 years	2,567	184	77	61	634	1,016
65 and over	183	13	6	4	50	71

Actual employment for the province, as reported by Statistics Canada, was 277,000 in May, up by 11,000 from April's level of 266,000. The male component was responsible for 7,000 of the total increase in employment while female employment rose by 3,000 persons.

An examination of employment by age reveals that the age group 14 - 24 years experienced an increase of 9,000 in May, while those persons 25 and over saw their numbers increase by 3,000 to May's level of 194,000.

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NOTE: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 8: - LABOUR FORCE DATA FOR ECONOMIC REGIONS WITHIN NOVA SCOTIA

Economic Region	Participation Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
4	46.8	16.7
5	51.0	8.6
6	56.5	7.5

Actual labour force data from the Labour Force Survey, reported a 9.5 percent unemployment rate for Nova Scotia, a 0.3 percent increase from April. As well increases were reported for two of the three economic regions within Nova Scotia.

Economic Region, Group 6 (including the counties of Halifax, Digby, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth) reported an unemployment rate of 7.5 percent, 0.7 percent higher than April's figure. The participation rate for this region increased to 56.5 percent in May from April's level of 53.5 percent.

Economic Region, Group 5 (including the counties of Annapolis, Antigonish, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough, Hants, Kings and Pictou) showed a decrease in their level of unemployment with the rate falling by 0.9 percent to May's figure of 8.6 percent. For the same period the participation rate increased significantly (2.1) to 51.0 percent.

Employment conditions worsened in May for Cape Breton Island with unemployment increasing to 16.7 percent from 14.3 percent in April. The participation rate increased to 46.8 percent in May from the April level of 45.7 percent.